

## Sunday April 3, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

**People: Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.**

Leader: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

**People: Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.**

Leader: In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.

**People: Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us.**

### \*Hymn #210 "Said Judas to Mary"

*(Please see separate attachment for the score)*

- 1) Said Judas to Mary, "Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?" I'll pour it all over the feet of the Christ, and I'll wipe it away with my hair," she said, "I'll wipe it away with my hair."
- 2) "O Mary, O Mary, O think of the poor. This ointment, it could have been sold; And think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold," he said, "you could buy with the silver and gold."
- 3) "Tomorrow, tomorrow, I'll think of the poor; tomorrow," she said, "not today; For dearer than all of the poor in the world is my love who is going away," she said, "my love who is going away."
- 4) Said Jesus to Mary, "Your love is so deep, today you may do as you will. Tomorrow, you say, I am going away, but my body I leave with you still," he said, "my body I leave with you still."
- 5) "The poor of the world are my body," he said, "to the end of the world they shall be. The bread and the blankets you give to the poor you will know you have given to me," he said, "you will know you have given to me."
- 6) "My body will hang on the cross of the world tomorrow," he said, "not today. And Martha and Mary will find me again and wash all my sorrow away," he said, "and wash all my sorrow away."

## Prayer of Confession

**Righteous God, you made us in your divine image and yet we often turn to the gazes of others to see ourselves. We yield to the temptation of comparison and measure ourselves according to standards not made for us. You declared us good, and we question your judgment. We turn from your truth and receive the lies of the enemy of our souls that devalue and condemn even though your grace is sufficient for us. Mend the brokenness within us. Fortify us with your love, hope, and vision. Shield us from stagnation and despair. Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace

The God of grace sees us fully, knows us fully, and loves us fully. May our eyes be ever open to see ourselves as God sees us and restore our souls.

## Passing of the Peace

*(For those in the sanctuary please remain in your seats as you turn to one another and by word and a gesture that is comfortable to you, you greet one another. For those in remote locations be aware that you too are included in the peace that Christ gives us all.)*

## Response Hymn #478 (verse one)

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

*I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul,  
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.*

## Scripture Reading for the Day: John 12:1-8

## Anthem (or Special Music)

## Sermon: “One Foot at a Time”

## \*Hymn #332 “As We Gather at Your Table”

*(Please see separate attachment for the score)*

- 1) As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s victory known.
- 2) Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

- 3) Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

## **The Community at Prayer**

*(Joys and Concerns, Prayer for the People, Lord's Prayer)*

## **Invitation to Generosity**

In the gospel reading, we find a story of abundant generosity. Let us be like Mary who did not count the cost of the blessing she shared but only sought the good, purpose, and reward of her gift. Let us not hesitate to pour what we have out in order to touch lives, comfort and console, and meet the needs we encounter in our community and our world.

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary, through the mailing your gift to the church office or through signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the pouring out of our financial resources, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in your kingdom. Amen.**

## **Service of Holy Communion**

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome at this Table. Once again Jesus invites us to dine with him where we are renewed, refreshed, reconciled, and redeemed.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #75**                    "Lord, Make Me Holy"  
*(Please see separate attachment for the score)*

1) Lord, make me more holy,  
Lord, make me more holy.  
Lord, make me more holy,  
until we meet again:  
Holy, holy, holy,  
until we meet again.

2) Lord, make me more faithful,  
Lord, make me more faithful.  
Lord, make me more faithful,  
until we meet again.  
Faithful, faithful, faithful,  
until we meet again.

3) Lord, make me more humble,  
Lord, make me more humble.  
Lord, make me more humble,  
until we meet again.  
Humble, humble, humble,  
until we meet again.

4) Lord, make me more righteous,  
Lord, make me more righteous.  
Lord, make me more righteous,  
until we meet again.  
Righteous, righteous, righteous,  
until we meet again.

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

Service liturgy from **Leave Her Alone Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday in Lent** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

For those who want to read all Lectionary passages, they are the following: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8